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To this date, Applicant has not received an Official Filing Receipt and no action has issued on the merits of the case.

On December 6, 2001, a telephone call to the U.S.P.T.O was made and a clerk stated that a copy of the filing receipt would be mailed that day. The copy has not been received to date.

Applicant respectfully requests that a search of the Patent Office records be made and a Filing Receipt be sent to Applicant's attorney.

Applicant also respectfully requests an estimate of the time frame within which this application will be reached for a First Office Action.

Applicant believes no fee is due for filing this request, however, if it is determined that a fee is required, please charge deposit account no. 13-0235.

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